

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. STIRPE, LAVINE, BUTTENSCHON, BRONSON, STECK, MAGNARELLI, McDONALD, SIMON, B. MILLER, LEMONDES -- read once and referred to the Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the canal law, in relation to designating the director of the upstate flood mitigation task force and assessments of Erie Canal system operation procedures related to flood mitigation and management; and to amend chapter 448 of the laws of 2017 amending the canal law relating to the upstate flood mitigation task force, in relation to the effectiveness thereof

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 139-b of the canal law, as added
2 by chapter 448 of the laws of 2017, is amended to read as follows:

3 2. The task force [~~shall appoint a~~] chairperson [~~from among its~~
4 ~~members~~] shall be the director of the canal corporation.

5 § 2. Subdivision 1 of section 139-c of the canal law, as added by
6 chapter 448 of the laws of 2017, is amended to read as follows:

7 1. Conducting an in-depth examination, presented as a public report no
8 later than [~~six months from the date the task force is established~~] July
9 first, two thousand twenty-three, of flood control study sectors and
10 issues related to floodplain management, debris management, flood
11 control and flood mitigation in the upstate flood mitigation region
12 including:

13 (a) the cost or impact of flooding over the last five years to agri-
14 culture; transportation; land use; public health; insurance; economic
15 sectors such as tourism, recreation and power generation; as well as
16 impacts on infrastructure including bridges, low lying roads, dams,
17 locks, roads, water and wastewater treatment plants and docks;

18 (b) an assessment of canal system operation procedures and plans which
19 may have a direct or indirect impact on flood mitigation and flood
20 management including, but not limited to debris management, communi-
21 cation, water management and flood response; and

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 (c) a listing of adaptive measures, with associated costs, that could
2 be executed to mitigate flood damages, including but not limited to
3 feasible floodplain management activities, debris management,
4 construction of flood control structures, construction of communication
5 systems and flood mitigation education for public and private landown-
6 ers.

7 § 3. Section 139-c of the canal law is amended by adding a new subdivi-
8 sion 6 to read as follows:

9 6. The task force shall meet at least on a quarterly basis at the call
10 of the chairperson. Special meetings may be called by its chairperson
11 and shall be called by the chairperson at the request of a majority of
12 the members of the task force then in office.

13 § 4. Section 3 of chapter 448 of the laws of 2017 amending the canal
14 law relating to the upstate flood mitigation task force, as amended by
15 chapter 164 of the laws of 2021, is amended to read as follows:

16 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that
17 section 139-d of the canal law, as added by section one of this act,
18 shall take effect April 1, 2018[~~, and provided, further, that this act~~
19 ~~shall expire and be deemed repealed July 1, 2023~~].

20 § 5. This act shall take effect immediately.